

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

FITCHBURG GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY) D.T.E. 99-46-G

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
ENERGY CONSERVATION SERVICE PROGRAM BUDGET
AND RECOVERY OF PROGRAM OPERATING COSTS
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999

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Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("FG&E" or the "Company"), pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19; G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10; and 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 *et seq.*, requests approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") of FG&E's proposed budget and allocation of program operating costs for its residential energy conservation service ("ECS") program for the period July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 ("FY 1999"). In support of its Petition, FG&E states:

1. FG&E is a member utility of Mass-Save, Inc. ("Mass-Save"), which provides ECS to FG&E's customers on FG&E's behalf.
2. FG&E's gas-related share of Mass-Save's proposed six-month ECS program budget is \$2,560.17.
3. FG&E has complied with the applicable requirements established in G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10; 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 *et seq.*; and Mass Save, Inc., D.P.U. 85-189 (1985).
4. In support hereof, FG&E incorporates Exh. FGE-1 (FG&E's ECS Surcharge Filing dated May 24, 1999)), which was filed with the Department in support of its proposed budget and allocation of program operating costs.

5. FG&E further represents that the documentation provided by FG&E to reconcile undercollections and overcollections from prior fiscal years for its gas-related ECS expenses is complete and accurate. *See* Exh. FGE-1. The effect of these reconciling items for FG&E's gas-related ECS expenses is an overcollection of \$2,320.52 for FY 1999 and an undercollection of \$2,262.11 for prior fiscal years. *See* Exh. FGE-1. Adjusting the budget amount by these under- and overcollections results in a net amount of \$2,501.76 to be collected for the six month period July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 for FG&E's Gas Division. *See* Exh. FGE-1.

6. FG&E calculated its ECS surcharge for its gas division by dividing the net amount to be collected to support gas-related ECS services by the total number of gas bills expected to be rendered during July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. *See* Exh. FGE-1. The ECS surcharge to be applied to the Company bills in its gas-related ECS services during July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 is proposed to be \$0.23 per bill per month. *See* Exh. FGE-1. This surcharge is an increase of \$0.08 over the surcharge of \$0.15 per bill per month approved for FY 1999. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Co., D.T.E. 98-39-H (1998).

7. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 25, § 19, FG&E funds all of its electric-related energy efficiency programs, including ECS, out of the energy efficiency surcharge. Therefore, electric-related ECS revenue is no longer separately identifiable and FG&E requires no additional adjustment in its rates for an electric-related ECS.

8. FG&E's proposed July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 ECS program budget, budget reconciliations and proposed July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 program operating costs are reasonable.

WHEREFORE, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company requests that the Department approve its proposed ECS budget and allocation of program operating costs for the months July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999, and issue its Order permitting FG&E to apply a surcharge of \$0.23 to bills of gas division customers to recover gas-related ECS expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

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